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THE BREAST

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE BREAST are the following:

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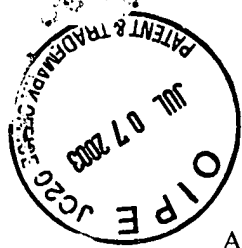
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the second restriction requirement contained in the Office Action dated June 10, 2003, Applicants respectfully elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-5), with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application in connection with the non-elected claims in the future.

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Consideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.



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